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For : Boattail plates with Non-Rectangular Geometries for Reducing  
Aerodynamic Base Drag of a Bluff Body in Ground Effect

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